

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JULY 17, 1946.

The Board of Public Works met on July 17, 1946, in the offices of the Governor, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

There were present:

Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

STATE PROPERTY:

The meeting was called for the purpose of taking care of the necessary formalities in connection with the return to the State of Maryland by the United States Coast Guard of the SS Wicomico, formerly the SS DuPont, and the turning over by the United States Maritime Commission of the MS Potomac, in accordance with negotiations which had been carried on by the State with the United States Coast Guard and the United States Maritime Commission.

In order to comply with the formalities required by the United States Coast Guard and the United States Maritime Commission in completing the transaction, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted: -

WHEREAS, the S.S. Wicomico, formerly the S.S. Dupont, property of the State of Maryland, was delivered by the State of Maryland to the United States Coast Guard for use as a reserve vessel during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard is ready and willing to re-deliver to the State of Maryland the S.S. Wicomico and to arrange for a sale by the United States Maritime Commission of the M.S. Potomac, in consideration of which the State of Maryland is to release the United States Coast Guard from all liability for damages or deterioration sustained by the S.S. Wicomico while in the service of the United States; and it is desired to authorize the proper officials of the State of Maryland to execute such release, releases or other instruments as may be necessary to effectuate the settlement thereof.

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Edwin Warfield, Jr., Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries of the State of Maryland, and the Governor, the Comptroller and the State Treasurer, constituting the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, under authority of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1945, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the State of Maryland such release, releases or other instruments as may be necessary in connection with the transaction hereinbefore set forth.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer of the State of Maryland, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to endorse to the order of the United States Maritime Commission a check of the United States, in the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), in exchange for the release and the voucher executed on behalf of the State of Maryland.

The following is a copy of the Release submitted to the State for execution: -

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come or May Concern,

GREETING:

KNOW YE, That the STATE OF MARYLAND appearing herein by Edwin Warfield, Jr., Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, and Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor, J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller, and Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, constituting the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, as owner of the SS WICOMICO (Ex CGR-2007), for and in consideration of the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000), lawful money of the United States of America, in hand paid by the United States Coast Guard, and other good and valuable consideration, to with, the sale of the MS POTOMAC by the United States of America (appearing by and through the United

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States Maritime Commission) unto the State of Maryland, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has remised, released, and forever discharged, and by these presents does for its own account, its assigns, underwriters, and all persons having, or claiming to have, any interest in the said SS WICOMICO, remise, release, and forever discharge the United States of America, and any agency or representative thereof, from any and all demands, claims, actions, suits, or controversies of any nature whatsoever, in admiralty, at law, or in equity, which the said State of Maryland or any subdivision, agency or representative thereof, ever had, now has, or may have, for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, and particularly for all losses, claims, injuries, or damages arising out of or in any way connected with the use of said SS WICOMICO as a Reserve vessel of the United States Coast Guard under the provisions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act, as amended (14 United States Code, section 265) from 18 June, 1942, to and including the date on which said vessel is redelivered to the State of Maryland by the United States Coast Guard at Curtis Bay, Maryland.

AND the said State of Maryland does further covenant that it is lawfully entitled to receive the said settlement and that its representatives, as hereinabove described, are authorized to give full and valid acquittance thereof as evidenced by the documents annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State of Maryland has caused its seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be executed by Edwin Warfield, Jr., Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, and Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor, J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller, and Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, constituting the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, this ____ day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

STATE OF MARYLAND

COMMISSION OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES

By: _____

Chairman

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Governor_____
Comptroller_____
Treasurer.

STATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE CITY, To Wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this ____ day of July, 1946, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for Baltimore City, personally appeared EDWIN WARFIELD, JR., Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, in his official capacity being duly authorized so to do, and acknowledged the foregoing Release to be the act and deed of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public.

STATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE CITY, To Wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this ____ day of July, 1946 before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for Baltimore City, personally appeared HERBERT R. O'CONOR, Governor, J. MILLARD TAWES, Comptroller, and HOOPER S. MILES, Treasurer, constituting the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, and acknowledged the foregoing Release to be their act and deed.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public.

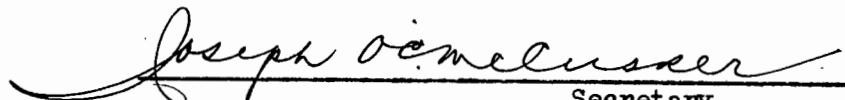
Approved as to form and
legal sufficiency.

S/ Hall Hammond
Deputy Attorney General of Maryland.

Certified copies of the above Resolution were furnished to representatives of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Maritime Commission, and Mr. Edwin Warfield, Jr., Chairman, Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, and the Governor, Comptroller, and the State Treasurer, constituting the Board of Public Works, executed several copies of the Release set forth above and delivered them to representatives of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Maritime Commission.

Mr. Edwin Warfield, Jr., Chairman, Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, signed delivery receipts for the two vessels - SS WICOMICO AND MS POTOMAC - , accepting the said vessels on the part of the State of Maryland from the United States Coast Guard and the United States Maritime Commission. The check in the amount of \$30,000 of the United States was endorsed by Mr. Hooper S. Miles, State Treasurer, to the order of the United States Maritime Commission, in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Public Works authorizing him to do so.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary.

